to non-availability of resources. However, to augment the facilities, a provision has been made for providing semi-automatic cell counter and spectrometer in the pathological laboratory, R. K. Puram-III.

Patenting the wonder drug 'Brahmi'

1149. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that faculty of Ayurveda Researchers in Banaras Hindu University have recently approached the Ministry to explore the possibility of patenting of the product "Brahmi" an Aqurvedic wonder drug;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating whether the Ayurvedic drug "Brahmi" is proposed to be patented; and

(c) if answer be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor stating the steps taken by Government to remove the hurdles in patenting the drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA). (a) No formal proposal has been received from the Banaras Hindu University.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Strike by Resident Doctors of Sucheta Kriplani and Kalawati Saran Hospitals

1150. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Resident Doctors of Sucheta Kriplani and Kalawati Saran Hospitals in New Delhi went on a strike recently;

(b) if so, the details of the demands of Doctors which compelled them to resort to strike; and

(c) whether the strike has since been called off and if so, the details of the agreement arrived at between Government and the Doctors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C SILVERA): (a) Yes Sir

(b) The demands of the Resident Doctors inter-alia include:—

(i) Participation of the representative of RDA in the selection process of Resident Doctors.

(ii) Entrustment of the management of cafetaria to the Resident Doctors.

(iii) Provision of security arrangement in the campus

(iv) Abolition of security deposits for library.

(v) Provision of increased and hygienic water supply etc.

(c) The strike was called off unconditionally.

Report of the Supervisory Team of World Bank of AIDS programme

1151. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank Supervisory Team on the AIDS programme has stressed on stopping clandestinely operating blood banks and for framing guidelines for transfusion of blood in its report submitted recently; and

(b) if so, the decision taken on it and the reaction of Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The observations made by the World Bank supervisory team have been brought to the notice of the Drug Controller of India and the States/UTs for appropriate action.